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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (OMISSION IN TEXT - PARA 3)

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PBOR, EP, SO, GW
SUBJECT: HORN OF AFRICA: SOMALI WITHDRAWAL

REF: STATE 061431

1. CHARGE MET WITH STATE SECRETARY VAN WELL THE AFTER-
NOON OF MARCH 10 AND CONVEYED THE POINTS CONTAINED
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2. VAN WELL, WHO WAS UNDER TIME PRESSURE, COMMENTED
BRIEFLY. HE SAID THE FRG IS MOST CONCERNED THAT THERE
BE NO BREAKDOWN IN SOMALIA WHICH MIGHT LEAD THE SOMALIS
TO READJUST THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE USSR. THAT WOULD
BE THE WORST OUTCOME OF ALL. IT WOULD BE ESSENTIAL

TO GET KENYAN UNDERSTANDING FOR THE SOMALIS' DIFFICULT SITUATION. IT IS ALSO NECESSARY TO GET RE-AFFIRMATION THAT THERE WILL BE NO ETHIOPIAN INVASION OF SOMALIA. THIS LAST POINT REMAINS A MATTER OF GREAT CONCERN FOR THE FRG.

3. AS REGARDS A FRG STATEMENT ON SOMALI WITHDRAWAL, VAN WELL SAID HE WOULD REPORT TO FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHEK OUR INTEREST IN THE MATTER. THE FRG WOULD WANT TO STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH LONDON AND PARIS. VAN WELL PROMISED TO GIVE THE MATTER URGENT CONSIDERATION.

4. ON AID, VAN WELL SAID THE FRG IS EXAMINING WAYS OF ACCELERATING DELIVERY OF THE 100 TRUCKS PROMISED THE SOMALIS, AS WELL AS "5 OR 10" FISHING VESSELS. THE FIRST LOAD OF TRUCKS HAS NOT YET LEFT GERMAN PORTS, BUT THE FRG IS WORKING ON EXPEDITING THEIR DISPATCH. VAN WELL ALSO SAID THE FRG IS PREPARED TO EXTEND HUMANITARIAN AID TO BOTH ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA.
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